

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005.

Claims 1-10 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to an election requirement.

Claims 11-15 have been rejected by the Examiner. Applicant has canceled Claims 12 and 13 and has amended Claims 11 and 15.

The Examiner objected to the language of the Abstract, specifically, the implied phrase "The invention" in line 1 and the term "means" in line 7. Applicant has amended the abstract to address these objections.

The Examiner objected to Claim 15 because of the recitation "each of said plurality of gears are rotatably coupled to shafts." The Applicant has amended Claim 15 to recite "each of said plurality of gears is rotatably coupled to a shaft."

The Examiner rejected Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Applicant has canceled this Claim.

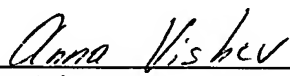
The Examiner rejected Claims 11-15 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Curtis et al (U.S. Pat. No. 2,519,118). The Applicant has amended Claim 11 and respectfully avers that Claim 11, as amended, is not anticipated by Curtis et al. Claim 11 claims, in part, a "solenoid located separately from said first rotational body, second rotational body, and said internal gear." This solenoid controls whether the internal gear is fixed or rotatable. The Curtis reference discloses an electromagnetic planetary gear clutch that has an electromagnetic coil (63) located within the first rotational body and adjacent to the internal gear (50). The internal gear (50) is the armature of this coil, and the coil controls the rotation of the internal gear. Thus, the rotation of the internal gear in the Curtis reference is not controlled by a solenoid "located separately from said first rotational body, second rotational body, and said internal gear."

Thus, Claim 11, as currently amended, is not anticipated by Curtis et al. and is in condition for allowance. Claims 14 and 15, being dependent from Claim 11, are allowable for this reason and on their own merits.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 051319-78.

Respectfully submitted,

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